District Judge Barbara J. Rothstein 1 2 3 4 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 8 9 TSIGAB A. GEBRAY, et al., No. 2:23-cv-870-BJR 10 Plaintiffs, STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD CASE IN ABEYANCE AND ORDER 11 v. 12 ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS, et al., 13 Defendants. 14 Plaintiffs and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule 15 of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to 16 stay these proceedings for thirty days. Plaintiffs bring this case pursuant to the Administrative 17 Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking an order compelling the Government to complete 18 processing of their Form 1-730s, Refugee/Asylee Relative Petitions. The parties are currently 19 working diligently towards a resolution to this litigation. 20 Courts have "broad discretion" to stay proceedings. Clinton v. Jones, 520 U.S. 681, 706 21 (1997). "[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to 22 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for 23 24 STIPULATED MOTION AND ORDER TO HOLD UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CASE IN ABEYANCE 700 Stewart Street, Suite 5220 - 1 (23-cv-870-BJR) SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98101 (206) 553-7970

1	counsel, and for litigants." Landis v. N. Am. Co., 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); see also Fed. R. Civ.
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3	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") issued Requests for Evidence
4	("RFEs") to Plaintiffs on July 6, 2023. Shortly thereafter, Plaintiffs responded to the RFEs.
5	USCIS is currently reviewing the responses and working on adjudicating the petitions. Therefore,
6	the parties believe good cause exists to continue the stay to save the parties and the Court from
7	spending unnecessary time and judicial resources on this matter.
8	Accordingly, the parties jointly stipulate and request that the Court stay these proceedings
9	for thirty days. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before September 13, 2023.
10	Dated: August 10, 2023
11	Respectfully submitted,
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19	in compliance with the Local Civil Rules.
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ORDER The parties having stipulated and agreed, it is hereby so ORDERED. The parties shall file a joint status report on or before September 13, 2023. DATED this 10th day of August, 2023. Barbara Jacobs Rothstein U.S. District Court Judge